

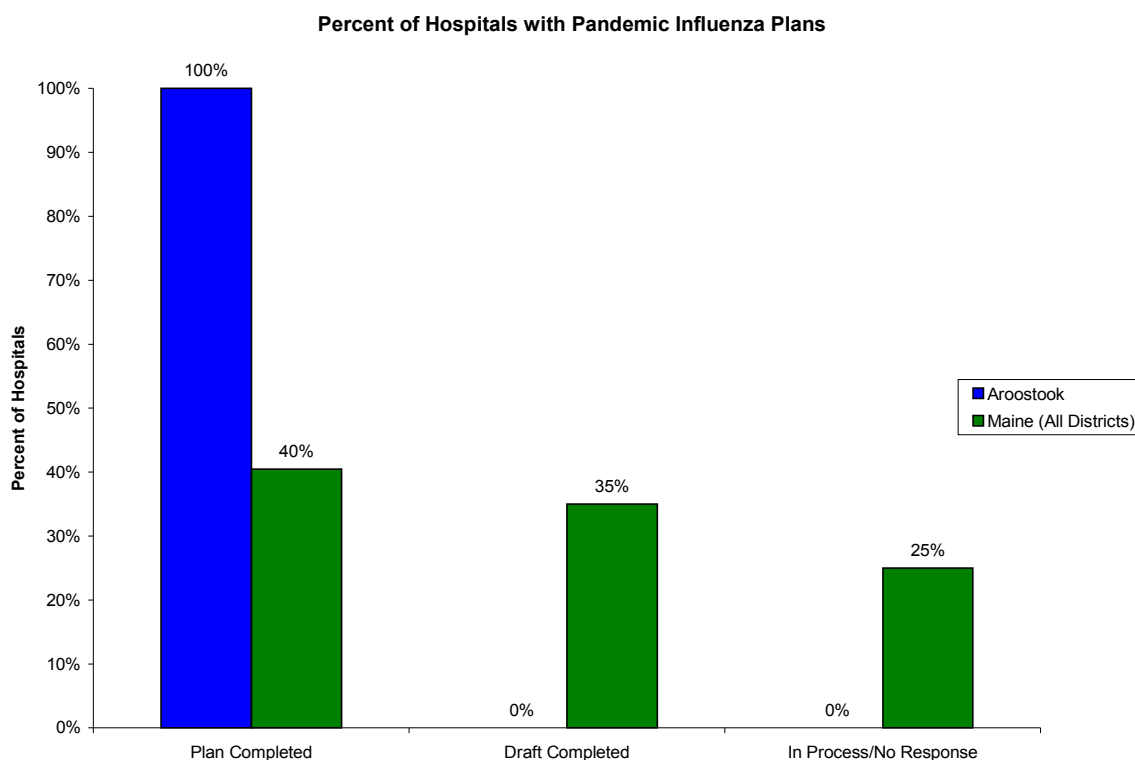
AROOSTOOK DISTRICT: Public Health Preparedness

Number of Maine Hospitals with Pandemic Influenza Response Plans

The Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (Maine CDC) has established a Pandemic Influenza preparedness planning process for Maine in coordination with key partners at the federal, state, and local level. The focus is on practical, statewide and community-based procedures that could prevent or delay the spread of pandemic influenza, and help to reduce the burden of illness communities would contend with during an outbreak.

The Maine CDC Regional Resource Centers, representing Maine hospitals have facilitated the development of Pandemic Influenza response plans for all hospitals. A critical component of Pandemic Influenza response in Maine is assuring hospitals have effective Pandemic Influenza plans which are integrated with county level and State plans and define their ability to manage such a crisis.

There are a variety of indicators with which to assess Maine's capacity to respond to an influenza pandemic including the number of hospitals who have completed plans. This measurement defines the percent of hospitals within any district that have completed part of a pandemic planning process.



Source: MeCDC Regional Resource Centers